

New law requires BESE, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, to develop and adopt a policy whereby students will be allowed to accelerate their academic progress, complete all high school graduation requirements, and receive a high school diploma in less than four years.

Provides that such policy will encourage and support students who seek early graduation from high school and provide for mechanisms to facilitate implementation of this early high school graduation policy by local public schools and school systems which may include flexible course scheduling and use of distance learning, online courses, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and other accelerated learning programs and examinations.

Requires each city, parish, and other local public school board to fully implement the provisions of the early high school graduation policy adopted by BESE and to include such in its pupil progression plan.

Effective June 29, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(29))